

AMERICAN LEAGUE GIVES MONEY TO PROSECUTE SOX

Johnson Organization to Back
State's Attorney in Putting
Crooks Behind Bars—Spit-
ball Will Be Retained.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A sum of money, the amount of which was not disclosed, was voted yesterday by the board of directors of the American league, to be used in aiding in the Cook county state's attorney in prosecuting the players and gamblers indicted by the Chicago grand jury in connection with the 1919 world's series scandal. This and the official awarding of the 1920 pennant to Cleveland, it was announced, constituted the business before the directors, although their meeting lasted more than two hours.

The meeting of the league lasted more than four hours. While it was stated that the session was harmonious, significance is attached to the selection of directors for the ensuing year from the fact that the three so-called insurgent clubs—New York, Chicago and Boston—again were denied representation on the board.

The directors chosen included the presidents of the Washington, St. Louis, Cleveland and Philadelphia clubs, the only change being the substitution of Cleveland for Detroit. President Navin, of the Detroit club, was re-elected vice-president of the league. President Johnson presided at both sessions.

Season Opens April 13.

Matters in which the American league concurred with the action taken by the National league included the ratification of the new major league agreement, fixing April 13 as the opening date for the 1921 season, and putting the league on a new basis in the league to use that form of delivery during the remainder of their careers, but to permit no new pitchers coming into the league, use of the spitball. It was said there are now six spitball pitchers in the American league.

The club owners went on record as opposed to the spitball pitcher. Under the present rule a major league club, which desires to send a player to a minor league must first secure waivers from all other clubs of both major leagues and a club refuse to waive on the player may claim his services for the waiver price. If the rule is changed clubs of one league would have to ask only the waiver price from clubs in the same league, while waived players would be subject to claims from all major league clubs.

M. A. A. SOCCER

BY JAMES FINLAY.

ABE GOODMAN LEAGUE.

Standing of Teams.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Y. M. I.	4	1	2	10
Y. M. L.	3	2	1	7
Y. M. S.	3	3	1	7
Jefferson Cleaners	0	5	2	2

Sunday's Games—Hodges Field.
Y. M. I. vs. Y. M. L. 3:15 p.m.
Jefferson Cleaners vs. Y. M. I. 3:30 p.m.

WILLINGHAM LEAGUE.

Standing of Teams.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Danglers	6	0	1	13
Bob O'Brians	4	1	2	10
Y. M. L. No. 2	3	2	1	7
Kickers	0	5	2	2

Sunday's Games—Russwood Park.
O'Brians vs. Y. M. L. 3:15 p.m.
Danglers vs. Kickers, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday's soccer menu should furnish at least two of the most exciting games of the present season in the two leagues.

The opening game of the Goodman league at Hodges field Sunday afternoon the feature of the day comes in the first exhibition when the Y. M. I. team will meet the Y. M. L. team. A defeat for the Y. M. I. team would send them tied for third place with the Y. M. L. team and a win would hold them safely in second place and possibly in first place in the event the Y. M. I. team loses to the Jefferson Cleaners in the second game.

The Y. M. I. team are anticipating no easy victory over the Jefferson Cleaners in the second half of the matinee billed for play at Hodges field.

The O'Brians meet the Y. M. L. in the opening game at Russwood park. The O'Brians are now going in their best form, while the "I" boys are showing rapid improvement and it is likely that the O'Brians will be forced to extend themselves to win.

The second contest shows the Danglers opposed to the Kickers. The Danglers are making rapid strides in the matter of sewing up the race in the Willingham league, however, with the Kickers and Y. M. L. both showing startling improvement in the past week or two the race seems to be one which will be contested the remainder of the way.

The games at each field are free and the first game at each field will start precisely at 2:15 o'clock.

M. A. A. BASKETBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Y. M. I.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Ben Hur (3)	1	1	1	5.00
Guthrie	1	1	1	5.00
Layne & Bowler	0	2	0	.00

Friday's Results.
Guthrie 2, Layne & Bowler 0 (forfeited).
Y. M. I. 35, Ben Hur 7.

The teamwork of Y. M. I. was too much for the Ben Hur third team Friday night, and the latter club went down in defeat by the count 35 to 7. The game was staged on the Y. M. C. A. court.

The first half was more stubbornly contested than the last period. Conditions began to tell, and Y. M. I. had little trouble caging the ball.

Wash led the scoring for the winners with eight goals. Capt. Willie McQueen starred for the losers.

The game between Guthrie and Layne & Bowler was forfeited to the former club, score 2 to 0.

OHIO TO CALIFORNIA.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 15.—Twenty-two members of the Ohio state university football squad, undefeated champions of the Western conference, left this morning for Pasadena, Calif., where they will meet the University of California eleven on New Year's day. In addition to the team and its corps of coaches, trainers and camp followers, half a hundred rooters were aboard the special train.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 15.—Chuck Wiggins, of Indiana, won the newspaper decision over Ted Jamieson, of Milwaukee, in a 10-round heavyweight bout here last night.

BRINGING UP FATHER—By George McManus

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SOUTHERN MOGULS TO GATHER HERE MONDAY

Annual Fall Conclave of Sunland Major To Be Held at Peabody Hotel, With Much Important Business to Come Before Magnates—Two Days Will Be Required to Finish.

BY BOB FIGUE.

The stage is all set for the annual fall meeting of the Southern league, which will be held Monday in Memphis. The sessions will take place at the Peabody hotel, where the visiting magnates will be quartered during their stay in the Bluff City. The approaching meeting will require two days before the business to come before the Dixie moguls is completed, according to John D. Martin, president of the organization. The opening session will be held Monday at 12 o'clock noon at the Peabody, and will be concluded on Tuesday evening with a dinner.

One of the biggest questions to come before the assembly will be the proposed post-season series between the Southern and Texas league champions. President Martin, of the Southern, along with President J. Doak Roberts, of the Texas, have gone on record as favoring the series. President Martin will await the action of his club owners in the matter, but states that he feels sure that the proposed series would be favorably acted upon by the owners. It is questionable of considerable benefit to both leagues as well as the players.

The series between Little Rock and Fort Worth at the close of the 1920 season, although unofficial, drew the sum of \$50,000, a big slice of which went to the players.

It is pointed out that if the series is officially adopted and indorsed by both leagues, it will prove a big incentive to the players in both leagues to hustle all year for it means a neat sum of money at the close of the season. President Doak Roberts, of the Texas, will attend the Southern league meeting and offer the proposition to the Southern league.

PRESIDENT'S ELECTION.

The election of a president will also come up as one of the important features, although it is already assumed that John D. Martin will be returned to the chair.

The president's term has always been one year, but a general trend among leagues throughout the country is to name their president for three or five years, the latter being the opinion of an executive can do better work, and prove of more value to the league as an official if he is in office for an extended term. The major leagues have chosen their heads for a long period of time, as have the International league and the American association. Charley Frank, of Atlanta, has been president of the Southern league president a term of three years, and it is not out of the range of probability that such action will be taken at the approaching meeting of the Dixie moguls.

The indications are now that the spitball will remain a dead issue in the Southern, for there seems to be no inclination on the part of Southern league club owners to resurrect it, despite the fact that the major leagues have decided to permit spitball pitchers to continue the use of the moist ball, at the same time not admitting any other spitball hurriers.

RAISE SALARY LIMIT.

The official adoption of a salary limit of \$5,000 will be one of the routine matters to come before the league. This action was taken by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues at its meeting in Kansas City, but will be formally adopted by each minor league at its fall meeting.

The waiver price will probably come up for discussion and will be raised. Some of the club owners favor boosting it to \$750, while others will be satisfied with \$500. It is \$400 at the present.

The Heinemann plan to pool the receipts of the league will be offered by President Jules Heinemann, of the New Orleans club.

The baseball gambling situation will be discussed, and the indications are that the league will go on record as favoring drastic co-operation in killing out this evil which threatens the very existence of the national game. All players who come into the Southern will be closely scrutinized and will be required to give a clean bill before they are admitted.

The umpires who serve in the league next season will have to walk the straight and narrow path along with the players, and any arbiters who fails to stay within the law and help keep the game clean will be decorated with the insignia of the ancient order of tinware.

It promises to be a warm season, for there is much business ahead, and it will require two full days in which to get through with the program.

BRENNAN COMING.

Bill Brennan, chief of umpires in the Southern league, will be among the celebrities in attendance at the meeting. Big Bill always makes it a point to sit in with the magnates, for he is one of the wisest baseball men in the country, and can always be counted upon to give the club owners home helpful hints. Bill knows ball players as few umpires do, and is fully aware of how any action will affect the athlete.

Hurling Hub Perdue, Nashville manager and pitcher, has never missed a meeting, and will be here Monday and Tuesday. There should be other baseball men, in addition to

Dempsey Goes To Have Specialist Fix Injured Ear

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 15.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, expected to visit a specialist at St. Joseph, Mich., yesterday to have his left ear examined, but found the physician out of the city. The champion said he would remain in St. Joseph, Mich., over night and return to Niles this morning. The ear was injured in the bout with Brennan.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S BOXING RESULTS

(By International News Service.)

Last night's fights:
At New York—Louis Bognash, welterweight, of Bridgeport, Conn., knocked out Vince Coffey, of Kirksport, N. Y., in three rounds.

Earl Baird, of Seattle, featherweight, defeated Lew Snyder, of Bayonne, N. J., in 10 rounds.
At Providence, R. I.—Harry Martin, New England bantam, received a referee's decision over Young Kansas in 12 rounds.

At Cleveland, O.—Joe Burman, bantamweight, received the decision over Carl Tremaine.
At Newburgh, N. Y.—Bud Dempsey, New York bantamweight, defeated Jack Norman, of Brooklyn, in 10 rounds.

DEMPSEY GOING HOME FOR XMAS

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is en route today to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, both denied emphatically before leaving Chicago, that the damage done the champion's ear in his bout with Bill Brennan Tuesday night is serious.

JIMMY BURKE TO COACH RED SOX

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Jim Burke, former manager of the local Americans, has announced he would accept the offer of Harry Frazee, of the Boston Americans, to coach that club next season. He refused to amplify the announcement.

DELMONT IN FAST DRAW WITH LAWLER

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 15.—Gene Delmont, of Memphis, and Jack Lawler, of Omaha, fought 12 rounds to Referee Ged Gahans' draw decision in one of the fiercest and most entertaining mills ever staged in the city last night.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 15.—Frankie Mason, Fort Wayne flyweight, earned the newspaper decision over Johnny Ritchie, of Chicago, in a 10-round bout here last night.

Big Double Windup At Southern A. C. Monday

Battling Burgess and Kid Roth and Young Jack Dempsey and Johnny Leonard Meet in Two Eight-Round Bouts. Young Jack Britton Meets Red Green in Semiwindup.

BY BOB FIGUE.

Action in large and copious quantities is promised Monday night at the regular weekly boxing show of the Southern Athletic club when a big double windup program will be staged. Kid Roth and Battling Burgess are down for eight rounds, and on the same card will be Young Jack Dempsey and Johnny Leonard, who will step eight rounds or less. In addition to the double windup, there will be a six-rounder between Young Jack Britton and Red Green. There will be a four-round preliminary as a curtain-raiser.

More interest is being manifested in Monday's show than any in a long time, for fight fans realize they are going to see one of the best cards of the year. Popular prices will be charged and the indications are that the house will be jammed to the rafters when the battlers square off for action.

ROTH AND BURGESS.

Much speculation is being indulged in regarding the Roth-Burgess battle, which is sure to be jamful of action from bell to bell. Roth, who has beaten Burgess before, says he believes he will be able to put it over again, and accordingly, he is in training, for he knows he will have to be in shape. Roth always gives local fight fans plenty of action, and he should be in fine fettle for Monday's bout.

Burgess is also working out daily at the local club, and will enter the ring with the expressed determination to beat Roth. Burgess says he is sure he can take Roth's measure, and that when he climbs through the ropes Monday night he will go in there to cut loose all he has in an effort to come away with Referee Haack's decision.

DEMPSEY-LEONARD.

The other half of the double windup will see Young Jack Dempsey and Johnny Leonard in action.

These two boys have been training hard for Monday's go, and when they elevate their dukes and get ready for battle, they should be in proper condition to step fast. Dempsey has been meeting all comers in Memphis, and with the exception of Pat Moore is the best bantam ever developed in Memphis.

Young Leonard is a newcomer and has won his spurs by victories over

PROPST CHOSEN CAPTAIN.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 15.—"Shorty" Propst, who played his second year on the Panther squad during the season just closed, was last night elected captain of Birmingham-Southern's 1921 football team. Propst is center on the team.

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Well, a few days after this "20%" off on athletic goods, our Christmas Savings Plan to Parents went into effect, an obviously tired, hard-working man came into the store and asked to be shown a certain brand and number of a nationally known make of FOOTBALL. He looked it over carefully, and then consulted a scrawled "Santa Claus" letter that he pulled from his grimy overalls. "This is what he wants!" He paid for the ball, less 20%, and while it was being wrapped, said:

"The Missus and the kids is up the country and with times like these and won't git 'em them this Christmas, but that BOY he kep' writin' me 'bout that ball and I seen about this reduction and come on up here. He'll sure git it now if I hav' to eat less!"

Shades of "Scrooge and Tiny Tim!" When little touches like that come drifting down the river of commercial life, why somehow there comes to one a blur twist the pages marked Profit and Loss, and only the real thought of a heart hungry, lonesome, shabby father—and a child's happiness made possible at the Yuletide! A moment longer and that guy would have got a darn good football for nothing! Next!

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